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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 145  
By Phillips

A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend the Rotary Club of  
Shelbyville on the occasion of their 75th  
Anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those  
exemplary organizations that diligently work for the betterment of their fellow citizens,  
community and state; and

WHEREAS, through their deep devotion and selfless acts, the Rotary Club of Shelbyville  
has nobly served the citizens of Tennessee for 75 productive years; and

WHEREAS, this diamond anniversary will be celebrated on May 1, 1997; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Shelbyville has continually served its local and regional  
community through work, leadership, finances and participation in numerous projects related to  
education, health, youth activities, environmental concerns, athletics, agriculture, business  
relations and civic service recognition; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Club of Shelbyville is a member of Rotary International, the  
father of the service club movement, and the most international of service club associations.  
The group includes 1.2 million members in 28,000 Rotary Clubs in 155 countries; and

WHEREAS, Rotary's main mission is providing service - in the community, in the work-  
place and throughout the world; and

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WHEREAS, Rotarians are professional men and women who work as volunteers to improve the quality of life in their home and world community; and

WHEREAS, they build goodwill and peace, provide humanitarian service and encourage high ethical standards in all vocations; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary motto is: "Service Above Self"; and

WHEREAS, Rotary's Polio Plus program has the objective of eradicating polio worldwide by the year 2000 and certifying this achievement by the year 2005, the organization's 100th anniversary year; and

WHEREAS, to achieve this goal, Rotary will have committed approximately 400 million dollars, and millions of hours by Rotarian volunteers to support the eradication effort, working with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, and the health ministries of world governments; and

WHEREAS, as Rotary International President, Luis Vicente Giay has devoted major attention to New Generations and looking forward to the next century; and

WHEREAS, Rotary has a long-standing commitment to young people through its exemplary Youth Exchange program, and programs in support of health, education, literacy, training for leadership and addressing urban/youth issues;

WHEREAS, through a series of Urban Peace Conferences, President Giay has worked to train and motivate Rotarians to address the root causes of urban violence, homelessness, hunger, education, street children, poverty, and ethnic prejudice; and

WHEREAS, other Rotary International programs focus on the environment, water, working with handicapped and the elderly, literacy and alleviation of hunger; and

WHEREAS, the Rotary Foundation provides humanitarian grants and both ambassadorial scholarship awards and international exchanges of business and professional people; and

WHEREAS, this legislative body commends the Rotary Club of Shelbyville, Rotary International and Rotary International President Luis Vicente Giay for their "Service Above Self"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we recognize and honor the Rotary Club of Shelbyville on the occasion of their 75th Anniversary and commend the Club for their outstanding service and commitment to the citizens of the community of Shelbyville, Bedford County and the State of Tennessee, wishing them continued success in their most worthwhile efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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